



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2016

TO: Architects, Building Owners, Property Managers, General Contractors, and Fire Protection Equipment Installation and Maintenance Contractors

FROM: Captain II Corey Matthews
Office of the Fire Marshal Fire Protection Systems Branch

SUBJECT: FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE INSPECTIONS DURING SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Fire Inspectors from the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office are in the field today conducting scheduled inspections in buildings both under construction and existing buildings. However, due to the impending severe snow storm that will arrive this afternoon (January 22), their deployment on Monday and possibly additional days next week (January 25 - ?) will be dependent upon road conditions and Fairfax County's operating status.

If the Fire Inspectors are recalled for safety reasons or if Fairfax County government closes, all scheduled new construction inspections will be rolled-over to the next following business day on which the Fire Inspectors *can be safely deployed*. Any new construction inspection that is rolled-over will be confirmed as early as possible by the Fire Protection Systems Core Desk (703-246-4821). If any new construction inspection is rolled-over, the subcontractor is not required to reschedule it; that inspection will be given priority status by the Core Desk and the subcontractor notified when it is safe for Fire Inspectors to return to the field. There is a possibility that there may be extended days of roll-over inspections for new construction inspections. Due to the importance of new construction inspections, it is therefore imperative that subcontractors keep in contact with the Fire Protection Systems Core Desk (703-246-4821) and vice-versa. There will not be any cancellation fee associated with a weather-related new construction inspection cancellation. A fee will only be charged when the new construction inspection is actually conducted.

If the Fire Inspectors are unable to conduct some scheduled retesting inspections, these will have to be rescheduled at a later date, due to the complexity of scheduling all of the fire protection systems technicians involved in the retesting inspections. Our Retesting Inspections Core Desk (703-246-4830) will contact the affected property managers to reschedule the retesting inspections. There will not be any cancellation fee associated with a weather-related retesting inspection cancellation. A fee will only be charged when the retesting inspection is actually conducted.



The Fire Marshal's Office will not risk an injury to subcontractors, building maintenance personnel, fire protection systems technicians, or Fire Inspectors just to complete an inspection during severe weather conditions. Please understand that safety is our first priority.

For further information, contact 703-246-4821 or 703-246-4830.